

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Burrillville Rubbish and Recycling Committee held Monday, April 22, 2013 at 6:34 P.M. at the Town Hall Annex, 144 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cynthia Carlozzi, Andrea Hall, Colleen Joubert, Christine Mulligan and Robin Volpini

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:** Town Council Liaison John Pacheco

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**1. VOTED to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on March 4, 2013 and the regular meeting held on March 25, 2013; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.**

**Motion by Colleen Joubert. Seconded by Cynthia Carlozzi. The vote was unanimous.**

## **2. Discussion of recycling/solid waste statistics**

**Andrea Hall reported that our recycling rate dropped slightly in March. She noted that our lowest statistics with Waste Management are still higher than any with Coastal Recycling.**

## **3. Discussion/action relative to recycling events**

**Andrea Hall updated the Committee:**

- **Earth Day Cleanup - April 20**

The cleanup was a success. Raffle items of trees, t-shirts, coffee mugs and a Blackstone River boat cruise were given away. Final weight and attendance numbers are still being tallied. Several people have signed up to participate on a Green Team.

- **Computer recycling event at Farmers' Market – May 11**

Nothing new to report.

- **Family Fair – June 15**

The date has been set and Maxman will make an appearance. Andrea is looking for volunteers to work the event.

- **EcoDepot and Shred Event - July 27**

The launch of the new swap shed is also planned for this day. Criteria for items to accept and staffing of the building were discussed. Concerns were raised that if the shed is not staffed, residents will drop off unacceptable items and the shed will not remain orderly. The possibility of using volunteers was discussed.

- **PUD Green Festival-September 14**

Plans are underway. The possibility of doing a non-perishable food drive or some other collection was discussed.

#### **4. Progress of pilot program for condos and businesses to participate**

## **in town recycling/solid waste collection and measurement criteria**

**There was discussion of the program and criteria to be used to measure its success. It was determined that to measure the potential benefit, participating businesses must:**

- report weekly as to the level of solid waste that is being generated (via visual inspection)**
- complete a quarterly survey to measure level of satisfaction and cost savings**

**Town recycling levels will be monitored closely to determine if tonnage increases during the program timeframe. Part of the selection criteria will include a businesses' willingness to track data and report regularly. It was suggested that the Environmental Club track and report on the data. The program will start July 1.**

## **5. Status of grant for solar compactors**

**Andrea Hall was informed that the Town did not receive the grant. The RIRRC grant application will also be withdrawn. She will watch for future grant opportunities.**

## **6. Discussion of Environmental Club joining Committee meetings**

**Andrea Hall will invite the Club to join our meetings at her next opportunity.**

## **7. Discussion/action relative to allowing households to request additional recycling carts**

**John Pacheco reported that the Town Council voted to table the item among concerns of cost and the possibility of overwhelming requests.**

## **8. Update on Recycling Contest**

**Andrea Hall stated that the Town Council voted for the winners at their last meeting and the winners will be announced at an awards ceremony to be held at the Jesse Smith Library on Wednesday, April 24. The possibility of using photos of the posters for signing or other materials was discussed.**

## **9. Discussion of RIRRC field trips**

**Field trips have been scheduled for students from Callahan, Levy and the High School. A weekend day trip for residents will be scheduled over the summer.**

## **10. Review and discuss items proposed for future meetings**

- Swap Shed – rules, staffing, items to accept**
- Pilot program**

**11. VOTED to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.**

**Motion by Christine Mulligan. Seconded by Colleen Joubert. The vote was unanimous.**

**Christine Mulligan, Secretary**

**Minutes Approved    Date:\_\_\_\_\_**